

New Horizons College, Minna

End of Session (3rd Term) Newsletter

Saturday 28th August, 2021 (18th Muharram, 1443AH)

“A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.” — George Bernhard Shaw.

“If you want to focus more on Allah in your prayers, focus more on Him outside your prayers.” [Yasmin Mogahed]

Assalamu Alaykum Wa Rahmatul-lah Wa Barakatuh.

Dear parents,

Glory is to Allah, and praise is to Allah, and there is none worthy of worship but Allah, and Allah is the Greatest. He is Allah , other than whom there is no deity, the Sovereign, the Pure, the Perfect, the Bestower of Faith, the Overseer, the Exalted in Might, the Compeller, the Superior.

Indeed we are thankful to Allah for guiding us successfully to the end of this session, because the insecurity in the State and the resurgence of Covid-19 really gave us reason to be concerned, and we entertained fears that we would have to close and extend this session. Alhamdulillah our fears did not materialize!

This report will in sha Allah shed more light on the activities and events from mid-term break to the end of this term and session.

Below are the highlights of this report:

1. Abridged Calendar for 1st Term, 2021
2. Academic Activities

3. Co-curricular Activities
4. Islamiyyah Report
5. Cambridge IGCSE 2021 Result Analysis
6. Students Old Uniform
7. Checking Centralized Test Result and Behavioural Reports Online
8. Reminder on Resumption Slip for New Session in October 2021/ Confirmation of Resumption Deposit
9. Resumption Date/Time for 1st term, 2021/2022 Session

1. **Abridged Calendar For 1st term, 2021/2022 Session**

Saturday 2 nd October 2021	-	Resumption of Returning students
Saturday 9 th October 2021	-	Arrival of New/Transfer students/Orientation Program
Saturday 6 th November 2021	-	Visiting Day/ PTA General Meeting
Monday 8 th November 2021	-	Centralized Test
Thursday 18 th November 2021	-	Mid-term Break
Thursday 9 th December 2021	-	Promotion Exam Begins
Saturday 18 th December 2021	-	End of First Term

2. **Academic Activities**

This is a continuation of the academic report from the previous Principal's Newsletter of Mid-term break, of which the link was sent to parents via text message to enable them access the report on the school website:

- Support lessons organized for students with weak results from the Centralized test
- Special Education teacher has completed his assessment of students identified with special needs; affected student are to be given reports to take home to their parents.

- Post C.T. counseling support rendered to students who underperformed during CT.
- Weekly Friday Maths quiz competition continued; JSS2 Boys/JSS3 Boys emerged winners in the junior category.
- Career counseling awareness continued for JSS3 students to help them in the process of subject selection and to ensure they make ‘informed career choice’ decision.
- Placement assessment for JSS3 students have been concluded. It has been followed up with counseling by academic adviser. Recommendation letters based on results from the placement assessment have been given to students to take home.
- Individual academic and behavioural counseling support for various students were organized by students’ affairs office and the academic adviser.
- Group career counseling sessions were organized for selected groups of students.
- Our students placed third in the Muslim Global Connect Online Quiz Competition
- Languages department organized Fiction Story Writing competition.
- Promotion exams have been concluded. Analysis of performances of students showed a marked improvement when compared to 2nd term.

3. **Co-Curricular Activities**

Co-curricular activities students and staff have been engaged in since resumption are listed below:

- Class by class meetings organized by Student Affairs Office
- Involvement of parents to join in counseling of their wards through phone calls and video calls continued by Student Affairs Office.
- Deen Night held; in attendance were Bro Nuru, Ustaz Pen Abdul, and Mufti Yaks
- Staff verses SS3 students football match took place, as well as SS3 versus SS2 students

- After-Exams 5-A-Side football competition organized by students
- Horizons Flash Fiction Internal writing competition winners finally emerge
- Club exhibition held, which show cased products from various skills acquisition students' groups.
- Jalbab Night organized for the graduating class of 2021.

4. **Islamiyyah Report**

Islamiyyah activities after the mid-term break have included the following:

- Training of islamiyyah Mallams on the new upgraded version of daily/ weekly progress report method consolidated. The method shows details of every child's daily progress and behavioural records during Islamiyyah
- Weekly review of data from the daily/weekly progress report continued.
- Harmonizing of Tajweed scheme for Intermediate and Tahfiz levels consolidated after mid-term
- Implementation of harmonized and Centralised Test system as obtained in our normal academic system sustained.
- Appraisal for Islamiyyah malams conducted.
- Training of more malams on how to use ICT to store students records from assessments or test.

5. **Cambridge IGCSE 2021 Result**

Going by the results released by Cambridge International Examination Board, this result is one of the best result we have seen in recent times. Please see highlights of the result and accompanying analysis below:

BREAKDOWN OF RESULT

SUBJECTS	DISTIN- TION	CREDIT	PASS	FAIL	NO RESULT	UNGR- ADED	NO OF CANDI- DATES
ENGLISH	14	3	1	-	8	-	26
MATHS	12	9	2	-	-	-	23
PHYSICS	18	1	-	-	-	-	19
CHEMISTRY	16	-	-	-	-	-	17
COMPUTER	3	1	-	-	-	-	4
HISTORY	1	-	1	-	-	2	4
ECONOMICS	1	4	2	-	-	-	7
ISLAMIIYAH	1	1	-	-	3	-	5
BIOLOGY	1	5	2	-	-	-	8
ART	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
ADD MATHS	-	1	4	-	-	-	5
LITERATURE	1	1	1	1	-	-	4
ACCOUNTIN G	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
ICT	-	1	-	1	1	-	3
TOTAL	68	29	13	2	13	2	127

ANALYSIS

TOTAL	PERCENTAGE %
DISTINCTIONS:68	53.5%
CREDITS: 29	22.8%
PASSES: 13	10.02%
FAILURES: 02	1.6%
NO RESULT: 13	10.2%
UNGRADED: 2	1.6%

6. Students Old Uniforms

We want to appeal to parents to help us ensure students return with their uniform and house wears. This is to ensure they have something to wear pending the distribution of the new sets of uniforms. As soon as the distribution is completed, students have the option of donating the old uniforms to IET welfare department for onward delivery to IDP camps or send the old uniforms home.

7. Checking Exam Results and Behavioural Report Online

Alhamdulillah exams have been concluded and parents can check the results online using the link <https://nhcminna.org/resultchecker> . Once clicked, a result checker will open where you input your child's admission number

and a drop-down menu with three options provided; this includes, report sheet, students behavioural report and pocket money report. You can also check the behavioural report of your child once you are done with the academic report.

8. Resumption slip for October 2021/Confirmation Fee

The new academic session is to commence on Saturday October 2nd, 2021. We are still appealing to parents who are yet to confirm if their child/children are resuming with the school in October to please do so before Monday 6th September, 2021. **In addition, parents are to pay a non-refundable confirmation of resumption school fees deposit of N100,000 for boarders and N50,000 for day students**, on or before Monday 13th September, 2021.

We are currently making plans to use the entire month of September to complete the already started purchase of uniforms, teaching aids, equipment, and maintenance of school facilities already begun. Furthermore, successful candidates have been placed on a waiting list, whose parents are waiting for us to confirm their chances of been admitted.

9. Resumption date/time for 1st term

In sha Allah we will be resuming on Saturday 2nd October, 2021 on or before 5pm. Students are still expected to resume with their facemasks and sanitizers, and follow all covid-19 protocol.

We pray to Allah to protect our children during the holiday and bring them safely back to school in October. For those not returning, we wish them best of luck in their new schools

Wassalamu alaykum wa rahmatullah wa barakatuh.



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